THE FLORA OF CHINA

RARE SPECIMENS RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN THE FLOWERY KINGDOM.

The Rich Variety of Annuals and Flowering Shrubs Found as the Result of a Three Years' Sejourn in Southern China by an American Missionary.

China is frequently called the "Flowery Kingdom," and the fondness of the people for floral decorations has often been remarked, artificial flowers in abundance being used when natural ones are not

The rich variety of annuals and flower ing shrubs is most attractive. Chrysauthomums are brought to wonderful perfection in pots, those of imperial yellow, especially, appearing like great mounds of golden inflorescence, the individual flowers measuring sometimes 4 inches in diameter. There are five species of magnolia, each with peculiar attractions. The richly aromatic champacs, a species of chimonanthus, called by the natives "the wax plum," is unsurpassed in the sweetness of its perfume, and the delightful Daphne odora are extensively cultivated. Camellias in great profusion and variety; scaleas, brilliant in all their splendor of scarlet, erimson, purple, lavender, white, and yellow; exphorisias, erape-myrtles, and a score of other attractive plants flourish in the open air. The natural flora of the country has been but imperfectly studied, the desultory exertions of amateur collectors adding every year to the number of plants known. In the family of ferns alone the island of Hong-Keng shows more than 120 species, some of them of great beauty, indigenous to the place. The destruction of the forests has interfered with the natural growth of the land, so that it is only in isolated mountain groups, or among the highlands of the interior, that the original flora magnelis, each with peculiar attractions.

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CAN BE STUDIED WITH ADVANTAGE.

In a lecture delivered before the Royal Geographical society in 1878, Mr. Thiselton Dyer said: "I know to field for botanical exploration where amatetrs could at present collect with less trouble and with more probability of rendering useful sid to science than in China." My experience in the South of that empire fully confirms this opinion. Having occasion to travel extensively through the interior of the Canton province, I have observed and collected plauts as a diversion from more serious occupations, and have been surprised at the great variety of the novelties discovered. In isolated groups of mountains to the north and east I have found three magnificent species of rhododepdron, never before scientifically known, two of which grow side by side. In referring to these plants, Mr. H. F. Hance, whose authority on botany in the far east is undisputed, says: "I had the pleasure last year (1831) of describing a very fine new species of rhododendron discovered by — Mr. H.—lately again visited the locality, and was still more fortunate in detecting another extremely beautiful species, also undescribed.

** I have dedicated it to Mr. H.—'s amiable and accomplished wife, the frequent companion of his journeys into the interior. * * * Though the flowers are comparatively smail, their number and compactness, lovely color, delicate fragrance, and the contrast with the golden, silky bud-scales make this one of the pretitest and most interesting species I have 'sean. This plant would be a great acquisition to European gardens." In reference to the third of these plants, the same autherity says: "During this expedition (to Lofow mountains, sixty miles cast of Cantom) Mr. H.—was so fortunate as to discover in a single locality, on the verge of a deep, inaccessible, and precipitous ravine, thickly peopled with our remote cousins, and hence, called Ms.-low-Tung, or CAN BE STUDIED WITH ADVANTAGE.

MONKEY GORGE,

MONKEY GORGE,
at about 3,200 feet above the sea level, a
very fine new rhododendron—the third
accession to this genus, for which we are
indebted to his untiring and successful
exertions." A constant cloud-like mist
fills and rises from the gorge, and the
trunk and branches of the shrub are
overgrown with moss. This aspecies is
called R. Simiarum and the other two
respectively R. Henryl and R. Mariae.
On these Lofou mountains, which form a
remarkable group, with deep ravines,
where the original forest still remainin the seclusion of waich are found
many clousters of the Buddhist and
Taoist sects. I found all three of these
new rhododendrons. These mountains
are unusually rich in floral treasures,
every new excursion revealing fresh
wonders. Among other novelties I
found a new Pedouhyllum, described by
Dr. Hance as the P. versipelie. The wonders. Among other novelties I found a new Podephyllum, described by Dr. Hance as the P. versipelle. The Dr. Hance as the P. versipalic. The leaves vary marvelonsly in outline from a square, parallelogram, triangle or penta-gon, to a circle, and are either with or without lobes. Only a year previous to the discovery of this plant, a new species the discovery of this plant, a new species described as P. pleianthem was found in Formosa. Previous to that time, the American May-apple or mandrake, P. peltatum, the fruit of which is eaten, and from the rhizome of which a purgative resin, named podophylline, much employed in hepatic derangements, is prepared, and the Himalayau P. emedi were the only two species known. That this remarkable genus should in two years be doubled in China is certainly a fact of GHEAT INTEREST TO BOTANISTS.

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The species found by me is extonaively used for medicinal purposes by the Chinese. In the surface caves of the limestone bills in the northwest of the province a beautiful new species of begonia called B. circumlobata was found. It is much used in pulmonary complaints. Another of the same genus, also new, was found a few days previous on the craggy hillside, above the river, and has received the name of B. lenross. A new holly, saveral new species of the genus kubus; two new ferns—a Polypodium and a Miropodium—a Bronssonetis (paper mulrepodium—a Broussouetia (paper mul-berry) of peculiar character, being dis-tinctly momecius, hence called B. monoccia, and several scores of other in-teresting plants ontirely new to science, and many others new to the Chinese flora, have rewarded my scarches.

In the tribe of the Cyrtandrem there

In the tribe of the Cyrtandrese there were twenty years sage only three species known in the whole of Chma. Subsequently the number was increased to eleven. In one short trip in 18811 was successful in adding eight new species to successful in adding eight new species to this interesting family, two of them being new genera, all of them found in the lovely and romantic region of Lien-Chow from two to three hundred miles from Canton. The occurrence of eight new species of one group, all collected by a single person in a few days, within a lim-ted recognishment of the control may rich ited region, shows the extraordinary rich ness of the flora and the great am

ness of the flots and the great amount of interesting noveitles awaiting discovery as the area of exploration is enlarged. These plants have all been carefully described by Dr. Hance in the Journal of Botomy for June, 1883.

To the family of the Corylacem large additions have been made, referring to which Dr. Hance remarks that "certainly the discovery of nine members of the fine family of the Corylacem (oak, chestout, e., affords astonisming proof of the extreme richness of the South Chinese flora." Of these it fell to my good fortune to discover four each, size, Coursean saidflora." Of these it fell to my good lortune to discover four cake, viz: Quercus maindarum, a pretty species, with willow-like leaves, growing abundantly along and in the water courses in the center of the island of Haiman; Quvanfella, a magnificent species, with broad, wooly leaves, the acorns of which are largely collected, and sold for food; Q litselfolia, and Q silvicolarum, both of which belong to the interior of Hainan. In this group also a Ca-tanopsis, described as C, jucunda, belongs to me

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ity in which this remarkably handsome tree was discovered. On the side of Tan-ha-Shan, along the good is the side of Tan-It may be interesting to note the localha-Shan, along the road leading up the steep hill to the celebrated Buddhist mun-

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A FEW OF THREE NEW PLANTS are in cultivation in the botanical gardens in Cultivation in the Solamical gar-dens in Hong Kong. In conversation with the writer, in his house near Kew Gardens, Sir Joseph Hooker expressed the streng desire that living specimens of these new plants, especially the orna-mental ones, should be forwarded to England. And certainly the many magnifi-cent specimens brought to light in the last few years would add greatly to the feral weath of our gardens and conserva-tories. Betanical research in China has settled many interesting questions in victors and commerce. "Gelaryal." known science and commerce. "Gelaryal," knewn and used as medicine by the ancient Greeks, was not determined betanically until it was found growing in the south of China, and was described by Dr. Hance as Alphia officiarum. The precise char-acter of the cassis of commeyee, exported in large agantities in the form of and essential oil, was not known until three years ago the plantations in the inthree years ago the plantations in the in-terior of Cantea and Kwang-si were vis-ited, and the plant found to be chana-menum cassia, and net lauros chanam-mum, as was formerly supposed. The star anise, lichum anisatum, one of the great exports of Kwang-si, has still to be great exports of itwanges, has sin to occase in the living plant, and each traveler in that region, with a bothsical turn, looks keenly about in hope of being the first to discover it. Matring has long been an article of export from China, but the grave from which it is made was but recently described because it. The teach used by the natives tanically. The tea oil, used by the natives tanically. The teach, used by the batters in eintments and for cooking, and exported as one of the essential cits, is found to be the product or she camellia cliefers. This plant is extensively cultivated on the hillsides of the interior, and on one occasion I walked for several miles along a path arched over by those camella trees covered thinking with page. on one occasion I water on several miles along a path arched over by those camel is trees covered thickly with beauful white blessoms. In Hannan I have seen camellia trees of this species as foot and a half in diameter and over twenty feet high, perfectly symmotrical in shape, showing one glistening mass of snow-white blossoms.

The discovery of the European key in the hills of Canton and of the English

the hills of Canton, and of the English hop, neither of which was known to exist there before, has added test to my taste for botanical research; and similar experience is sure to reward all who enter this interesting field. B. C. HENRY.

*Cipuonani hus fragrans a very fragrans blooming shrub, with yellow flowers, blooming nearly all winter in mild seasons, quite hardy introduced into parks, to be seen in the agricultural department grounds. Washington, belongs to the order chipumintees, represented by the malive species chiperinans for these tweeters in the dinter the center of which belong the rasp-borry and binekbetty. relation, the sense to winds belong the rasp-borry and blackberry. The foreign and blackberry. The state and broaded, two families of plants having generally parasitic habits. The orchids are maskly strophenia, that becate themselves on the branches and triasyol trees (in the respira), but do not feed upon the sap of this tree. The branches this tries parasites, the Medicless family, take root in the bank of the tree and live upon its sao.

astery of Tun-ha-tez was found this fine aprending tree probably fifty feet high, covered with abundance of fruit, which the people told me is pathered in quantities and sold for food. The hill is of pure

The same fact is, of course, realized in every Christian, of every name, but the growth of Methodism until its members are counted by millions may be traced to the systematic and decided emphasis placed on this doctrine in the presching of the ministry and the relation of persenal experience to each other by the laity. Like the saints in the Apocalyse, "they overcame by the blood of the lamb and by the world of their testimoury."

The conference at Raltimore, like Peter's audience on the day of Pentecest, numbered all the tribes of the hemisphere, the Caucasian, the African, and east, numbered all the tribes of the hearisphere, the Caucasian, the African, and the Indian. The Indian from Mexico spoke in Spanish and through an interpreter. The African, as well as the Caucasian, used the Anglo-Saxon, and all tenes heard were in brotherly kindness. No one seemed to forget that "One is your Master, even Christ, and all yo are brethren." No such question arose as that of social equality or political equality, but there was in the air a consciousness of spiritual equality and in the Divine Presence, of a spiritual affinity. All were children of the same Creator.

Turning to the future the church starts en its second century in America as an organized body with high hope. The decirling tried and proved, and the system of teaching tried and proved, confidence and joy are the rule, and as joy is centagious we may expect Mothodism to continue its work of transforming society until the wilderness and the solitary place shall be made glad and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

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THE CAR-TRACK TROUBLE. Excitement in South Washington-A Detail of Police Present to Prevent Operations by the Railroad Com-

oralised any knowledge of such intention at present.

"The commissioners are between two fres," said Commissioner Edmonds, "and for years this agitation against the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad company has been kept up by disizent of South Washington, and for more than a year the railroad company has been heyers the sainington, and fer more than a year the railroad company has been begging the eammissioners for a permit to cross Fouriesenth
street with their tracks. There is another class of citizens, mostly composed of
merchants, who appear to be co-operating
with the railroad company, and are requesting the commissioners to grant the
railroad the permit, representing it to be
for the convenience of an easy freight delivery. Delegations of these merchants
have visited the commissioners are not
clear that they have the power to grant
such permission, and besides, if they have such permission, and busides, if they have such power, it is a very grave question as such power, it is a very grave question as to the propriety of exercising it. The commissioners are of the opinion that it would not be right to cut off the approach to the Long bridge, over which there is so much travel. This difficulty might be obviated, however, by the future opening of Fifteenth street through to the river, connecting with the bridge somewhere on the river flats; then with a bridge over on the river hats, then with a brings over Fourteeasth street, elsvating the trains above the ordinary street travel, the ob-ject might be accomplished without the dauger which would follow the crossing on the line of the grade of the street." A number of citizens or South Washington have petitioned the commissioners to ton have positioned the commissions to prevent the railway company from illegally using streets or avenues to South Wash-ington, particularly, the laying of tracks on Maryland and Virginia avenues and Fourteenth street.

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the pulpit in a this city, in a sent energing above, emblemandly Spirit, are these words, from the verse of chapter 5 of the first e of the Apostle John: "Ho believeth on the Son of God hath witness in himself." This was real-ded by John Wesley when his "heart cas strangely warmed" as he read the prefere of Martin Luther to his commentary on the Episate to the Galatians. The same truth was recently realized by a bey of twelve years of age in Washington when and a man and forgave me for being a bad boy, are and and can as good boy."

From this truth radiates all the light me, and forgave me for being a bad with the policy remained or its policy that the radiations of the policy remained or its policy that the radiations of the policy remained or its policy that with vogetation, and among them a little stream, navigable by small hosts, winds. The vegetation is most profuse, abounding in new and beautiful plants. Two other fine species of Castanopsis were discovered about the same time. Orehids, levanthi, f and many other varities are found. Several new genera have already rewarded the search of the explorer.

At 10 o'clock, the time set by the Baltimore and Potomac Railway company for large area areas Fourteenth street, everything was quiet, and none of the railway officials or any workmen appeared to any the track. The crowd attracted by and made me a good boy."

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"Yms, I heard Patti, of course I did, but the ubile don't know what cures her cold when he wets her little slippers. It is Dr. Buil's lough Symp. Twanty-dwe conts a battle.

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